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- Reference BB corresponds to Reference BA, and these references are equivalent to PCT/JP2006/301759 and U.S. Application Serial No. 11/815,499.*
- Reference BC corresponds References AB, AC and BH.*
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